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....CHRISTMAS....

"At Christmas, play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year."

If there is ever a time when one wants the right kind of goods, it's certainly at Christmas time, when selecting articles suitable for presents.

A GOOD SUIT OF CLOTHES

Is not only a desirable present, but also a sensible and profitable one.

You can get a heavy Cheviot or Cassimere Suit at \$10.00. Fancy Cheviots, Blue and Black Clays, choice weaves, \$12.50 to \$15.00. A custom tailor wouldn't make you a suit from these fine fabrics for less than 25 to 30 dollars.

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MORE BURGLARIES

At McMechen, Three Houses Being
Paid a Christmas Call.

A WINCHESTER PUT INTO PLAY

By Engineer McFann, But None of
the Shots Connected With the
Nervy Burglar, Who Paid No At-
tention to a Child's Warning Cries.
William Dean Believed of Valua-
bles—No Arrest of Guilty Parties.

There is an epidemic of burglaries in towns surrounding Wheeling, and McMechen, which has suffered several visits from the gentry had another dose early yesterday morning, and the citizens are greatly worked up over the affair and they mean to let no stone be unturned that the guilty parties may be apprehended. Residences in McMechen have been entered with more or less regularity for some weeks, and the citizens are talking of organizing a vigilance committee.

Three places were visited yesterday morning, between 1 and 3 o'clock, by some fellow who evidently believed that this was his best plan to get Christmas gifts, since he had forfeited all claims to Santa Claus' consideration a long time ago.

At William Dean's home, on Marshall street, he got \$20 in cash, two gold watches and a pair of shoes.

At John Gillingham's, on Washington avenue, the thief or thieves failed to get anything of value, for they were apparently in a hurry and overlooked the valuables.

The home of Engineer L. M. McFann received the last call. Mr. McFann was awakened by the cries of his sick child in an upstairs room, who persisted in calling out that there was a man in the room, but Mr. McFann supposed that the child was delirious and he answered back that the intruder was Santa Claus. However, a few minutes later, the father was surprised to see a man's head poke through his bedroom door, and then he knew that his child's suspicions were correct. The man heard McFann slip out of bed and he stealthily retreated. McFann grabbed his Winchester and started in pursuit. In the meantime, the fellow, who had previously divested himself of his hat and shoes, stepped into J. C. Campbell's yard, which adjoins the McFann place, and proceeded to put on his shoes. McFann blazed away at him with his rifle three times, but none of the shots took effect, though one was a mighty close shave.

The fellow stole a skiff and made good his escape across the river. By some people it is thought that there were three men implicated, and there are clues which connect a McMechen citizen. The authorities mean to investigate closely with a view of running down the thieves and if caught they will be prosecuted to a finish.

During the last few months there has been a succession of burglaries in West Alexander, Mountsville, Bellaire and McMechen, and Wheeling has been singularly fortunate in this respect, due no doubt to its efficient police force.

CHRISTMAS DAY

In Wheeling Passed Without Incidents of Character Unusual to the Occasion—Business Generally Suspended.

Christmas day in Wheeling passed without incidents unusual to the occasion. Business throughout the city was quite generally suspended. Drug stores, restaurants, saloons, hotels—these and a few other emporiums were open, but all else was closed tight, and thousands of employees passed the day in well-earned rest. Aside from the theaters, both of which gave afternoon and evening performances to large audiences, and some of the churches, to which unusually large congregations were attracted, there were no functions of a public character. The football game was declared off on account of the cold weather.

At the hotels special Christmas menus were the rule, and many Wheeling people patronized them.

The weather continued cold and the snow fell at intervals lightly. The weather, therefore, was fitting to the day, and the green Christmas, so generally feared, did not materialize.

Didn't Know It Was Loaded.
GREENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 25.—Grant Powell, a brick worker, employed by the Enterprise Brick Company, near Lockport, shot and killed his wife at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Powell was arrested shortly after the tragedy, and was committed to jail here. He had been drinking heavily for the past few days.

When brought to prison he was still in an intoxicated condition, and he is not yet aware of the fact that his wife is dead. His story is to the effect that he and his wife and two children of the woman by a former husband were sitting by the fire and he was playfully handling a revolver and snapped at random. Suddenly a shell exploded, and the bullet struck his wife. She fell to the floor and he ran for help.

The bullet entered the right temple, and the wife died fifteen minutes later. Some of the neighbors do not agree with the story of Powell, believing the shooting was intentional.

Liver Complaints cured by BEECHAM'S PILLS.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Going and Coming of Wheeling People and Visitors.

P. S. Smith, of Sistersville, is at the Windsor.

W. E. Weiss, of Sistersville, is a Mo-Lure guest.

Joseph Naylor is home from the University of Virginia.

C. Y. Benedum was a Sistersville citizen at the Stamm last night.

B. F. Davis, J. F. Rogers and Lynn Kirtland registered from Sistersville at the Howell yesterday.

Mrs. George B. Hervey, of the Island, is dangerously ill. Friends of the family are hopeful of her recovery.

Frank Schmidt is home from the University of Virginia, and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Schmidt.

Misses Allie and Ruth Rice and Clementine Pickett, of the Island, are students of the West Liberty normal school home for the holidays.

Miss Myrtle Troll, Rodney Barnes, Miss Eva Scott, John C. Nichols, Miss Agnes Morrison, Robert Aiken, Miss Mary Thompson, W. A. Nicholl, H. S. Troll and A. W. Kennon were St. Clairsville people in the city yesterday, registered at the Grand Central.

WATER rents are now due and unless paid by December 30 you will lose the 10 per cent discount.

DIED.

WILLIAMSON—On Friday, December 22, 1899, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., MARY, wife of Robert F. Williamson, aged 72 years.

Funeral from family residence, 2706 Jacob street, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Requiem high mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 9:30 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Calvary cemetery.

CUSTER—On Sunday, December 24, 1899, at 8 o'clock a. m., WILLIAM HENRY, son of Henry and Della Custer, aged 9 years and 3 months.

Funeral from the residence of his parents, No. 1015 Lind street, on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. Requiem mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 9 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Calvary cemetery. Special motor after services.

HERVEY—On Sunday, December 24, 1899, infant son of George B. and Gertrude W. Hervey.

Interment at Greenwood cemetery, private.

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A SERIOUS CHARGE

Is That on Which a Wheeling Young Man Was Arrested.

Jacob Holden was arrested yesterday by Lieutenant Devinney, at the instance of the Benwood authorities, and taken to Benwood, on a criminal assault charge preferred by Pearl Watkins, a fourteen-year-old girl. The young man is a son of Sol Holden, who killed himself after murdering his wife at their home in the East End about two years ago.

Last night the Benwood police were looking for the Watkins girl, who hadn't been seen after she preferred the charge. She lives in Wheeling, but was staying with a relative in Benwood on Sunday, when the assault is alleged to have been made. Her father was in Benwood last night trying to secure Holden's release, and the officers were therefore of the opinion that the case against the prisoner is a weak one. Under the circumstances it would not be surprising if Holden is released. All the parties involved are rag pickers.

"I HAD a running, itching sore on my leg. Suffered tortures. Doan's Ointment took away the burning and itching instantly, and quickly effected permanent cure." C. W. Lenhart, Bowling Green, O.—4.

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MUTUAL SAVINGS BANK.

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The MUTUAL SAVINGS BANK, No. 1521 Market street, has money to loan on real estate, in sums large or small, on easy terms of interest and repayment. No commissions or premiums are charged. Principal and interest can be reduced semi-annually.

Now For The Aftermath....

What will we do with it? Carry it over for next Christmas? No, siree. Like sensible merchants, we're going to get rid of it this week, and in order to do that we'll have to make the prices correspondingly attractive. Suppose we make

**A Uniform Price of
Half What the Toys and Dolls
Are Now Marked?**

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